

TABLE 2. Number, ratio,* and rate† of legal abortions and source of reporting, by year — United States, 1970–1997

Year	No. Legal abortions	Ratio	Rate	No. of areas reporting	
				Central health agency [§]	Hospitals/Facilities [¶]
1970	193,491	52	5	18	7
1971	485,816	137	11	19	7
1972	586,760	180	13	21	8
1973	615,831	196	14	26	26
1974	763,476	242	17	37	15
1975	854,853	272	18	39	13
1976	988,267	312	21	41	11
1977	1,079,430	325	22	46	6
1978	1,157,776	347	23	48	4
1979	1,251,921	358	24	47	5
1980	1,297,606	359	25	47	5
1981	1,300,760	358	24	46	6
1982	1,303,980	354	24	46	6
1983	1,268,987	349	23	46	6
1984	1,333,521	364	24	44	8
1985	1,328,570	354	24	44	8
1986	1,328,112	354	23	43	9
1987	1,353,671	356	24	45	7
1988	1,371,285	352	24	45	7
1989	1,396,658	346	24	45	7
1990	1,429,577	345	24	46	6
1991	1,388,937	339	24	47	5
1992	1,359,145	335	23	47	5
1993	1,330,414	334	23	47	5
1994	1,267,415	321	21	47	5
1995	1,210,883	311	20	48	4
1996	1,221,585	314**	20	48	4
1997	1,186,039	306	20	48	4

* Number of abortions per 1,000 live births.

† Number of abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years.

§ Abortion data reported by central health agencies, which include state health departments and the health departments of New York City and the District of Columbia.

¶ Abortion data reported by hospitals and/or other medical facilities in state.

** Beginning in 1996, the ratio was based on births reported by CDC's National Center for Health Statistics.